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FOIPA Request No.: 1371525-001
Subject: HALEY, MARIA

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, § 552. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemptions boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

Section 552

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3 pages were reviewed and 3 pages are being released.

Below you will also find additional informational paragraphs about your request. Where applicable, check boxes are used to provide you with more information about the processing of your request. Please read each item carefully.

☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].

☐ This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.

☐ We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

☒ In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552/552a (b)(7)(E)/(j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV

(2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA online portal by creating an account on the following website: <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at 877-684-6448, or by emailing ogis@nara.gov. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s), meaning the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown such additional references, if identified to the same subject of the main investigative file, usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). As such, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s) given our significant backlog. If you would like to receive any references to the subject(s) of your request, please submit a separate request for the reference material in writing. The references will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosures (2)

This letter is response to your request for records that were not released to you previously. Enclosed are 3 excised pages of information which are responsive to your subject listed above. This concluded processing of your request as there is no additional information to be processed.

This material is being provided to you at no charge.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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Date of transcription 02/02/2009

Pursuant to an ongoing criminal investigation currently being conducted by the Albuquerque Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), SA [redacted] telephonically contacted [redacted] at work telephone number [redacted] for the purpose of interviewing her regarding her knowledge of WILLIAM "BILL" RICHARDSON. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview. [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] in the White House Counsel's Office in 2000. At that time, RICHARDSON, who was the Secretary of Energy, was under consideration for a nomination to be the United States Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The IAEA is affiliated with the United Nations. As part of the typical vetting process for such a nomination, the FBI was asked to conduct a name check on RICHARDSON.

[redacted] recalled the results of that request were returned to her colleague, [redacted] in a brown paper envelope. [redacted] was used to receiving results sealed in such envelopes when there was classified material in the results. [redacted] did not recall whether the envelope was marked "Eyes Only." [redacted] does not recall reviewing the contents of the envelope. In such instances, she would typically notify either [redacted] or [redacted] about the return of results. [redacted] and [redacted] would then retrieve the results from a safe for review.

RICHARDSON's nomination for the IAEA did not proceed. [redacted] was aware of the nomination not proceeding because RICHARDSON, as the Secretary of Energy, a cabinet level Secretary, should have had no trouble in proceeding to such an agency.

Typically, with such nominations, [redacted] and [redacted] coordinated with the Office of Presidential Personnel. [redacted] and [redacted] met regularly with [redacted] and MARIA HALEY, Deputy Director of that office, once or twice a week, regarding the status of such nominations. It was not necessary for [redacted] or [redacted] to coordinate with [redacted] regarding the results of such a background investigation.

Investigation on 02/02/2009 at Albuquerque, NM (telephonically)

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[REDACTED] is currently a Department of Justice employee.
She can also be reached at her home telephone [REDACTED] or
cellular telephone [REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on February 2, 2009:

MARIA HALEY, Executive Director for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, telephone number (501)682-7351, was contacted telephonically regarding her knowledge of WILLIAM "BILL" RICHARDSON. HALEY served as the Deputy Director with the Office of Presidential Personnel during the Clinton administration. As Deputy Director, HALEY worked in overseeing the appointment of administration officials. HALEY recalled that in 2000, RICHARDSON was the Secretary of Energy at the Department of Energy. HALEY did not recall if RICHARDSON was up for another appointment at the time. HALEY did not recall RICHARDSON being considered for a nomination to be the United States Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency. HALEY recalled that this may have been a last second appointment but she did not remember.

[REDACTED] would probably have more information as
[REDACTED] HALEY's boss. [REDACTED] for the last six
years of the Clinton administration.

Presidential appointments are normally grouped into Senate confirmed appointments and presidential nominees. Senate confirmed appointments undergo much more scrutiny than presidential nominees. Both Senate confirmed appointments and presidential nominees undergo some level of background investigation by the FBI.

HALEY did not ever recall receiving negative information with regard to a RICHARDSON background investigation. Typically, negative information about a presidential appointment is first given to the White House General Counsel. The General Counsel then relays that information to the Office of Presidential Personnel. The Office of Presidential Personnel then notifies the candidate up for appointment. If the appointment is a high level appointment, the President or the President's Chief of Staff may contact the appointee.

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